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FLEET SERVICES MANAGED COMPETITION YIELDS MILLIONS MORE IN TAXPAYER SAVINGS

Employees cut costs for vehicle upkeep by \$4.4 million per year

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that city employees won the bid to provide fleet maintenance services under the managed competition program with a proposal that will yield an annual savings of \$4.4 million per year – or \$22 million over the five-year life of the proposal.

The group that won the bid currently performs maintenance for the more than 4,000 vehicles used in city operations, including police, fire, trash collection utility service and repair, park maintenance and general services.

Their proposal slashed costs for providing the service by more than 13 percent over the current budget for vehicle maintenance through such efficiency measures as rethinking the entire network in order to eliminate some facilities; strategic use of automated systems for logistics such as reservations, dispatch and returns; and use of private contractors for certain supplies and services to replace costly in-house warehousing operations.

“I applaud our employees for their creative, smart proposal,” said Sanders. “This is precisely the kind of result taxpayers hoped for when they voted to have employees compete with the private sector – and it’s really delivered.”

Fleet maintenance is the second city function to complete the bidding process under managed competition. In May, city employees won the bid to provide printing services to the city, netting taxpayers \$1 million in annual savings.

The city is currently in the process of bidding out street sweeping, landfill operations and customer service for public utilities. On Wednesday, the City Council’s Rules Committee

approved the preliminary statement of work for street and sidewalk maintenance; the full City Council will vote this fall whether to put the function out to bid.

Under the rules governing the competitive process, today's recommendation by the Managed Competition Independent Review Board can be accepted by the mayor and does not need to be separately approved by the City Council.

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